



94TH GENERAL ASSEMBLY
State of Illinois
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SB2485

Introduced 1/18/2006, by Sen. Kirk W. Dillard

SYNOPSIS AS INTRODUCED:

735 ILCS 5/2-1120 new

Amends the Code of Civil Procedure. Provides that there is a limitation on defamation actions that seek to recover damages for injury to reputation. Provides that there is no presumption of damage to reputation in a defamation action and that to recover damages for injury to reputation there must be proof of actual harm to the reputation of the plaintiff.

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1 AN ACT concerning civil procedures.

2 **Be it enacted by the People of the State of Illinois,**
3 **represented in the General Assembly:**

4 Section 5. The Code of Civil Procedure is amended by adding
5 Section 2-1120 as follows:

6 (735 ILCS 5/2-1120 new)

7 Sec. 2-1120. Limitation on defamation actions; actual
8 harm. In all actions for defamation, no person may recover
9 damages for injury to reputation without proving actual harm to
10 his or her reputation. There is no presumption of harm to
11 reputation in an action for defamation.